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CANCER

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## **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

## Dear Madam:

In response to the Official Action dated February 21, 2008 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on August 21, 2008, with a 3-month extension of time. Applicant submits below a Petition for Extension of Time for 3 months, to and including August 21, 2008, accompanied by the required fee.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.